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Letter dated 8 April 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences

Id al-Fitr and Id al-Adha are the two most sacred days observed by Muslims throughout the world. The Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) has accordingly taken a decision to request the United Nations to include these two days in the list of official holidays in future years, commencing with 1995. It may be recalled that OIC consists of 51 States Members of the United Nations, and there is a strong feeling among the members of OIC that the designation of Id al-Fitr and Id al-Adha as official holidays of the United Nations would attribute the reverence that is due to these important religious occasions.

In my capacity as the current Chairman of the OIC Group in New York, I have the honour therefore to request you kindly to have this view of the OIC members given due consideration at the meeting of the Committee on Conferences.

I shall be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official communication among the members of the Committee on Conference.

(Signed) Jamsheed K. A. MARKER
Permanent Representative

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